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TITLE: MULTIMEDIA METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INTERACTION BETWEEN A SCREEN-BASED HOST AND VARIOUS DISTRIBUTED AND FREE-STYLIZED INFORMATION CONTAINING ITEMS, AND AN INFORMATION CONTAINING ITEM FOR USE WITH SUCH SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Concurrent with the filing of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, in the paragraph beginning on line 14, change as follows:

In consequence, amongst other things, it is an object of the present invention to provide the system versus such data items with an immediate reactivity and physical recognizability as to their content. Now therefore, according to one of its aspects, the invention is characterized in that said multimedia method comprises the steps of allowing the distributed items to exchange analog or digital information under proximity conditions with respect to the host, but without requiring formatted berth facilities of the host,

